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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Approval of Funding for External Research Contract
on "Selected Areas of Soviet Oceanographic
Research [REDACTED]"

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REFERENCE : The Office of Scientific Intelligence External
Research Program, Fiscal Year 1964

1. POLICY

It is the policy of this Office to follow Soviet scientific research in the geophysical sciences, including oceanography, and to assess the developments of this research and its applications to the Soviet military posture.

2. NEED FOR EXTERNAL SUPPORT

OSI has neither sufficient time nor manpower with the requisite technical training to perform an in depth study of Soviet oceanography internally, therefore it is desirable to have a well qualified external contractor perform such a study.

3. SCOPE AND HISTORY OF WORK

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A previous external project provided a general survey of Soviet oceanographic research and development. The report produced in 1962 under this earlier project reviewed [REDACTED]

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and it enabled a general assessment of Soviet capabilities in oceanography to be made. The report has been used to define areas of Soviet oceanographic research that require review and evaluation in greater depth.

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This project will review and evaluate selected areas of Soviet oceanographic research that are significant to Soviet military programs, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Current Soviet research will receive most attention and the significance of this research will be stressed. The activities of the Soviet oceanographic fleet and the expansion and improvement of research facilities will be considered.

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4. CONTRACTOR

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The Contractor proposed to conduct this project is

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conducted the previous general survey of Soviet physical oceanographic research and has the background and technical competence to conduct the proposed study. Biographic data concerning those persons to be employed by [REDACTED] on the study are attached to their proposal.

5. PRODUCTS AND RESULTS EXPECTED

The contract will provide for a final report summarizing and evaluating selected areas of Soviet oceanographic research and their applications to Soviet military programs. In addition OSI will be provided with 60 day progress reports and with other special reports as needed to keep this Office informed of any unusual or important Soviet activities.

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This project will make it possible to monitor the Soviet oceanographic research program more closely for significant advances in those areas that are of particular importance [REDACTED]

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6. SECURITY

Agency association and the work to be performed are both unclassified. A check of Security Office indices will be made on personnel to perform under this contract.

7. BUDGET DATA

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A proposal has been received from [REDACTED] in the amount of [REDACTED] to perform this study. Although not included in the FY 1964 external analysis program for the Office of Scientific Intelligence, funds are available.

8. DURATION

It is proposed that this contract extend for one year from the date the contract is negotiated.

9. COORDINATION

A check of available listings indicates no duplication of this proposed contract.

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10. ACTION RECOMMENDED 25X1A1a

That the expenditure of [REDACTED] from vouchered funds be authorized for this project. Funds are available from the FY 1964 operating budget for the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

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for DONALD F. CHAMBERLAIN
Assistant Director
Scientific Intelligence

Attachment:

Orig. & 1 copy of Contractor's Proposal

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